

**Malaria/Measles Conference Call Summary and Action Items
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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes
3. Country updates

Action Items:

1. Circulate Sierra Leone Plan of Action (CanCross)
2. Schedule side meeting for Kenya campaign at Feb 14-15 mtg (ARC)
3. Circulate Niger initial results (ARC)
4. Identify funding for July assessment in Angola (IFRC)
5. Update on Kenya ITN Purchase (UNICEF)
6. Coordinate press for Niger (IFRC), Angola (ARC/UNICEF) and Kenya (ARC)

Note to Partners: Reports from manufacturers suggest that the shortage of LLINs is over and adequate LLINs should be available for all future campaigns, pending agreements with manufacturers.

Niger:

Summary: Initial reports suggest a successful first phase December 19-24 of distributing 2 million nets to rural areas. Initial assessment plans funded.

Issues:

1. Planning for second round in Niamey area
2. Funding for second round assessment
3. Provide summary of initial results

Equatorial Guinea

Summary: Initial distribution of ~56,000 ITNs completed with limited success. Additional ITN deliveries and distribution: 10,000 LLINs - Nets in transit. Expected arrival in Bata, January 21. 14,000 LLINs - Nets to be shipped 07.04.06. Expected arrival in Bata, May 7.

Issues:

1. Remaining assessment funds will be used to support MICS survey
2. Need MoH plan for distributing second tranche of ITNs.
3. Global Fund has approved Round 5 proposal to include ITN distribution to mainland

Cameroon

Summary: MoH desires to distribute 900,000 ITNs with January 2006 measles campaign. Integrated plan of action from Cameroon approved by MoH. ITNs distribution is supported by the Global Fund resources.

-450 000 nets have been ordered from local providers. Locally procured nets must be impregnated prior to distribution. Lambdacyhalothrin solution currently in stock will be used to impregnate. For the impregnation, Cameroon proposes to use existing community impregnation units.

-Only 46 000 nets are available in Cameroon; the Global funds through UNICEF ordered 300 000 nets: a first container of 100 000 nets has left Copenhagen and a second container will leave on December 31st 2005.

-The nets distribution strategy is one net per child vaccinated

-The budget allocated for monitoring and evaluation is 14,780 USD, and that for coverage is 27,523 USD

-There will be a post-campaign evaluation that will take into account usage of nets

Expected delivery schedule of nets and insecticide kits for Cameroon (As per UNICEF)

ITNs Arrival at Douala

105,000. 10-February

95,000. 24-February

105,000. 07-March

Insecticide kits. Arrival at Douala

300,000 05 February

Issues:

1. Can procurement proceed/impregnation be done in time for measles campaign or will a voucher method be required
2. Who will conduct assessment?

Kenya:

Key issue is timely purchase and delivery of ITNs by UNICEF.

Does the plan adequately support post-campaign social mobilization for hang-up?

Summary: MoH has given approval for purchase of 3.4 million ITNs and needs GF approval for release of funds. Plan awaiting the final approval of MOH before officially being disseminated. UNICEF has finalized negotiations with manufacturers for procurement. Operational costs for ITN delivery in national budget from GFATM.

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Action item:

1. Need resolution of funding transfer to UNICEF for net procurement
2. Need participation of NGOs

Angola:

Summary: Approximately 900,000 LLINs to be distributed in risk areas during July 2006 integrated campaign. Campaign date is July 2006: 5-9, urban and 11-25 rural areas.

AFRO Progress Report:

- LLINs distribution strategy – maximum 2/HH
- All LLINs will be in country by February
- ICC approval of plan pending
- Vit A will no longer be a SIA for the upcoming campaign
- ITNs distribution will be limited to the 7 initially identified provinces, and the strategy remains 1 ITN per child vaccinated
- Albendazole distribution strategy for age groups under discussion
- WHO-AFRO is planning to send a consultant in Angola to help them with the planning

Action item:

1. AFRO to report on discussion with MoH on integrated planning
2. Resolution of ExxonMobil funds
3. Assessment plan unresolved

Sierra Leone

Summary: Integrated campaign is planned for November 2006 for approximately 1 million children under five. A draft of integrated plan is being finalized. Funding is principally through CanCross. MoF drafted letter for waiving/reducing taxes

Circulate campaign plan
Identify hang-yup mechanisms

DR Congo

Summary: World Bank Booster Program (Jean-Pierre Manshande) considering adding up to 700,000 LLINs to 2006 measles campaigns where target regions coincide.

Action item:

1. WB staff visiting MoH to discuss next steps

Rwanda

Summary: Round 5 GFATM proposal approved and contains funds for ITNs for both routine and campaign distribution. Measles campaign scheduled for August 2006 targeting approximately 1.2 million children under five years of age. Integrated national plan exists. Funds are currently at GF/Geneva.

Issues:

1. Negotiation of grant agreement with GF is rate limiting step in terms of fund availability.
2. Need to identify source of nets and procurement strategy.
3. May need to consider postponing measles campaign to accommodate ITN procurement

Burundi

Summary: For measles campaign in June 2006 targeting 1.1 million children under five, MoH has put integration into POA. The ICC has approved the plan of action and it will be sent to WHO ICP and UNICEF ESARO for forward to WHO AFRO. Source of fund is not known.

Issues:

1. MoH to circulate plan and budget for partner consideration
2. Identify source of funding for ITNs
3. Integration may not be possible unless source of funds is not identified by end January.

Nigeria:

Summary: Estimates for LLINs distribution in 17 southern states were done during Nov 28-29 meeting with 36 State program managers in preparation of the upcoming 2006 integrated campaign:

Total population of children U5 is 12,180,553

80% ITNs for U5 are 9,779,618

Estimated number of LLINs with the strategy of 1 LLIN for 2 children: 4,887,777

Issues:

- Need better overall understating on MoH plans for integration, including target population, financing, ITN procurement.
- Need ICC-approved national plan
- Status of ExxonMobil funds

Chad – See summary from UNICEF

Guinea Bissau

Summary: The campaign planned for in Dec 05 has been postponed until 2006, dates to be determined

Issues:

1. AFRO to determine whether Dutch funds at country level can be accessed for immediate purchase of nets